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CHENGDU ROAD
August 21, 40

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9.00a.m.-11a.m.
21-8-40.

Houlmein Road near Avenue Foch,
Foch, House 6, Lane 75 Houl-
mein Road, Chengtu Road
Police Station.

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Houlmein Road near Avenue Foch.

8.50 a.m. 21-8-40

9.00 a.m. 21-8-40

Koong Sien Fung (孔實榮), Bank Cashier, House 6, Lane
75 Houlmein Road.

FOUR KIDNAPPERS. description of one available.

Age about 30, height about 5'5", slim build,
dark thin face, cropped hair, wearing white cotton
jacket and black Cantonese silk pants, no hat.

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Kidnapper above described, accosted complainant
who was riding in his private ricksha north to south
on Houlmein Road, pulled him out of the ricksha and
attempted to force him into a hire car which was parked
at this spot. Complainant struggled and his ricksha
coolie raised an alarm, which caused the kidnappers
to drive away in their car. Complainant escaped.

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At 9 a.m. 21-8-40, S.P.C. 634 brought to the station complainant in this case and the latter's private ricscha coolie. Complainant stated that an attempt had been made to kidnap him on Moulmein Road near Avenue Foch, but that the kidnapers had been unsuccessful on account of the struggle put up by him and the alarm raised by his ricscha coolie.

Inquiries regarding the case were made by the undersigned and C.D.S. 174 who ascertained the following particulars.

Complainant Koeng Sien Fung resides at House 6, Lane 75 Moulmein Road and is employed as cashier by the Manufacturer's Bank of China branch office at 512 Avenue Joffre. Although in comfortable circumstances, complainant is not a wealthy man. Following his daily custom, he left home at 8.45 a.m. 21-8-40 to proceed to the bank and travelled in his private ricscha, S.M.C. Licence No. 1438 pulled by one Kiang Ling Fah (江永芳), badge No. 6817. When the ricscha had passed the Kwang Hwa (光華) Middle School on Moulmein Road, a white Chinese (full description given on Sheet 1) darted out from the footpath and caught hold of complainant causing him to fall out of the ricscha. The kidnapper then attempted to force the complainant into a closed motor car which was parked on the east side of Moulmein Road about twenty yards south of the Kwang Hwa Middle School. Complainant resisted the kidnapper's efforts to force him into the car, and attempted to run away, both men at the time struggling on the roadway.

The puller Kiang Ling Fah then raised an alarm by shouting "Kidnappers". This caused the member of the gang who was struggling with the complainant to loosen his hold and run back to the car and step inside the vehicle. The complainant meantime kept on running towards the intersection of Houma Road and Avenue Foch, where S.P.C. 634 was on traffic duty. S.P.C. 634 heard the alarm raised by the ricksha coolie and seeing the complainant running towards him, mistook him for one of the kidnappers. By the time the ricksha coolie came on the scene and S.P.C. 634 found out his mistake, the kidnappers' car had passed them, being driven south on Houma Road and then east on Avenue Foch. The S.P.C. then brought the parties concerned to the station to report the case. Neither the complainant nor his puller were able to give the correct licence number of the car involved, and could only state that it was an old closed dark painted hire car. Lengthy enquiries were made on Houma Road near the Kwang Hua Middle School but no persons were located who could give the Police any further information bearing on the case. Notice was circulated in order to make enquiries at all garages whether any of their cars had been sent to Houma Road near Avenue Foch early this a.m.

At the time when the attempted kidnapping took place.

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complainant states that he did not see any firearms and besides the person who stopped his ricksha, complainant formed the impression that two or more members of the gang were waiting in the car. This is corroborated by the complainant's ricksha coolie. Complainant has not been the recipient of any threatening letters and no telephone calls have been received at his home that would indicate that an attempt was on foot to kidnap him. On account of the half hearted manner in which the offense was attempted, also the absence of firearms, it is thought that the kidnapping was attempted for political reasons bearing on the bank where the complainant is employed.

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August 22, 1940.

Morning Translation.

Chinese-American Daily News, National Herald, Sin Wan Pao,
Shun Pao :-

ATTEMPTED KIDNAPPING AT THE CORNER OF MOULMEIN ROAD AND
AVENUE FOCH

Kung Pan-hsi (孔 潘 熙) alias Sung-sun (宋 孫), aged 43, residing in House No. 6, Lane 75, Moulmein Road, has been Chief of the Paying Department of the China State Bank on Avenue Joffre for many years.

At about 9.45 a.m. yesterday, Kung left his home for the bank in his private ricscha. When the ricscha reached the vicinity of the Foh Kee Lumber Hong (復 記 木 行) at the corner of Moulmein Road and Avenue Foch, a man suddenly jumped out from the roadside, seized the shafts of the ricscha and attempted to drag Kung down from the ricscha into a waiting motor car. Kung struggled and broke away, shouting loudly for help, in which he was joined by the ricscha puller. Knowing that there was a policeman on post duty on Avenue Foch, the desperado immediately jumped into the waiting motor car and drove away.

Observing that the motor car had left, the ricscha puller reported the occurrence to a policeman on duty in the vicinity who gave chase but did not succeed in catching up with the motor car.

It is learned that a suspect was arrested in the vicinity and was taken to the Police Station together with Kung Pan-hsi. Officers were detailed to make an investigation at the scene of the affair. The licence number of the motor car is unknown.

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